IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-15, 20, 21, and 27 as follows.

Please ADD new claims 29-31 as set forth below.

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing access to a service for a user in a communication system, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

using a specific record, associated with said user, at a node in the communication system, containing information which, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing access to said service.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

transferring said information from the AAA-H to the serving node in the signalling path for the service setup and/or service event and/or registration.

3. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

deciding based on said information that the authentication and/or authorization needs be verified.

4. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

performing the authentication and/or authorization.

5. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

performing the authentication and/or authorization by using the AAA-H.

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 4 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

performing the authentication and/or authorization in the node if the required parameters are available.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a user of user equipment with access to a service from a service provider node in a wireless communication system, comprising ~~the steps of~~:

using a user specific record indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified prior with a home network to providing access to said service; and

providing access to said service responsive to said user specific record.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining if said condition is satisfied; and

providing access to said service without verifying said user characteristic if said condition is not satisfied.

9. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining if said condition is satisfied;

verifying said user characteristic if said condition is satisfied; and

subsequent to said step of verifying the user characteristic providing access to said service if said user characteristic indicates the user is permitted access to said service.

10. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining if said condition is satisfied when a call session between said user and said service provider node is initiated.

11. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

determining from the user specific record associated with said user if said condition exists during a call session between said user equipment and said service provider node.

12. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said wireless communication system comprises a serving network in which said user equipment is located, and [[a]] said home network, said method further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

indicating, via said user specific record, when access to said service is permitted without determining, from data stored at a node in said home network, if access is permitted.

13. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said wireless communication system comprises a serving network in which said user equipment is located, and [[a]] said home network, said method further comprising ~~the step of~~:

storing said user specific record at a node of said serving network.

14. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising ~~the steps of~~:

generating a register message at said user equipment and transmitting said register message to a local server node of said communication system;

determining if a condition indicated by said user specific record stored at said local server node is satisfied;

generating an access message at said local server node indicating that access to said service is permitted; and

transmitting said access message to said service provider node.

15. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 14 further comprising:

prior to said ~~step of~~ storing said user specific record, generating a request message at said local server node and transmitting said request message to the home AAA server of the user; and

transferring data comprising said user specific record from said home AAA server to said local server node responsive to said request message.

16. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 further comprising:

generating an invite message at said user equipment and transmitting said invite message to a local server node of said communication system;

determining if a condition indicated by said user specific record stored at said local server node is satisfied;

generating an access message at said local server node indicating that access to said service is permitted; and

transmitting said access message to said service provider node.

17. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said user characteristic comprises whether said user is authorised to access said service.

18. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said user characteristic comprises whether said user is authenticated to access said service.

19. (Previously Presented) The method as claimed in claim 7 wherein said condition determines the frequency at which said user is to be authorised and/or authenticated during a call session between said user equipment and said service provider node.

20. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein ~~said step of~~ using a specific record comprises storing a user specific record.

21. (Currently Amended) A server node of a communication system ~~for providing a user of user equipment with access to a service from a service provider node~~, said server node comprising:

means for receiving a message from ~~said~~ a user equipment;

means for using a user specific record, associated with said user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing ~~said~~ a user with access to a service; and

means for generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user of the user equipment with access to a service from a service provider node.

22. (Original) The server node as claimed in claim 21 further comprising:

means for transmitting said access message to a service provider node.

23. (Previously Presented) A server node as claimed in claim 21 further comprising:

means for receiving data comprising said user specific record transmitted from a home AAA server node.

24. (Previously Presented) A server node as claimed in claim 21 comprising a serving or proxy-call session control function node.

25. (Previously Presented) A server node as claimed in claim 21 wherein said user specific record comprises a first data field identifying said user and a second data field determining when authentication and/or authorisation of said user is required in order to access said service.

26. (Previously Presented) The server node as claimed in claim 21 wherein said means for using a user specific record comprises means for storing

27. (Currently Amended) Mobile user equipment~~, for providing a user with access to a service from a service provider node,~~ comprising:

means for using a user specific record associated with ~~said~~ a user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to ~~said~~ a service; and

means for generating, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user with access to the service from a service provider node.

28. (Original) Mobile user equipment as claimed in claim 27 wherein said means for using a user specific record comprises means for storing a user specific record.

29. (New) A method for providing access to a service for a user in a communication system, comprising:

storing an authorization and authentication profile, associated with said user, at a serving node in a serving network;

using said authorization and authentication profile at said serving node in the communication system;

wherein said authorization and authentication profile contains information indicating a condition which if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing access to said service.

30. (New) A server node of a communication system, said server node comprising:

an interface for receiving a message from said user equipment;

said server node configured to:

use a user specific record, associated with said user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to said a service; and

generate, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user of user equipment with access to the service from a service provider node.

31. (New) Mobile user equipment, comprising:

processor and control means configured to:

use a user specific record associated with said user, indicating a condition which, if satisfied, determines that a user characteristic is to be verified with a home network prior to providing said user with access to said a service; and

generate, in response to said user specific record, an access message for providing said user with access to said service,

thereby providing the user with access to the service from a service provider node.